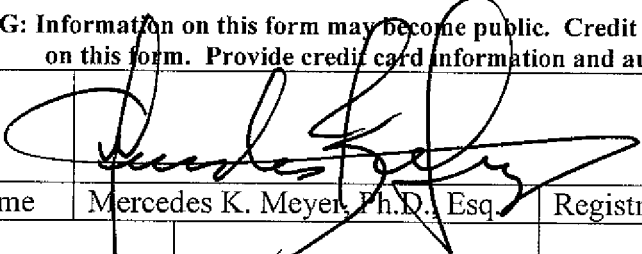


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<b>PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)</b>		Docket Number (Optional) 47259-5001-00-US	
In re application of: Kazuaki OKUNO et al.			
Application No. 10/573,821		Filed March 28, 2006	
For: POLYPEPTIDE CLEAVAGE METHOD USING OmpT PROTEASE VARIANT			
Art Unit: 1652		Examiner: Sheridan L. Swope	
This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a reply in the above-identified application.			
The requested extension and appropriate non-small-entity fee are as follows (check time period desired):			
		Large Entity	Small Entity
	One month (37 CFR 1.17(a)(1))	\$ 130	\$ 65
	Two months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(2))	\$ 490	\$ 245
	Three months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(3))	\$1110	\$ 555
	Four months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(4))	\$1730	\$ 865
XX	Five months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(5))	\$2250	\$1175
	Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.		
	A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed.		
XX	Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.		
	The Director has already been authorized to charge fees in this application to a Deposit Account.		
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	Applicant/inventor		
	assignee of record of the entire interest. See 37 CFR 3.71. Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) is enclosed. (Form PTO/SB/96).		
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Date		November 21, 2008	
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X	Total of one (1) forms are submitted.		